

Revised editorial statement and notes for contributors

Social Work & Social Sciences Review will be re-launched from 2009 with a new focus and guidance for contributors.

The journal will publish articles about social work activities, encouraging a critical, reflective view of its engagement and thinking in the real world. Articles which present a philosophical understanding of social work and its impact, will also be encouraged.

In addition to articles from academics we hope to publish work written by other stakeholders, for example, practitioners, service users and carers, amongst others. We anticipate the standard of writing may not have an automatic 'fit' with the usual academic standards expected in journals, but see it as important that we can create a space where a whole range of viewpoints/standpoints can be expressed, in order to spark discussion and debate in ways which are seen as developmental.

We particularly welcome those which offer a critical analysis of policy and practice in social work, using frameworks which may have been established elsewhere in the social sciences and applying them here. Correspondingly, social work as an academic discipline has much to offer in terms of providing strong critiques of other social sciences disciplines and we would like to promote a better dialogue between the social sciences.

Notes for contributors

1. *Social Work & Social Sciences Review* is published three times a year. It contains original articles, commissioned review articles and book reviews. . Contributions must be directly or indirectly relevant to practice, research and education in social work.
2. Major articles and reviews should be between 4,000 and 6,000 words in length. Longer papers will be considered where the quality and theme of the paper justify its size and where the key messages are considered to be relevant and important by the Editor.
3. Shorter discussion papers should be between 2500 and 3500 words in length. Word limits do not include references.
4. Articles are accepted from all countries, and articles translated from another language into English are welcome. They should be sent to the Editor, preferably as a Word document attachment via e-mail. Hard copies (x 3) should be posted to the Editor at the address given below.

5. Articles submitted will be assessed by two of the assessors or advisors, and decisions as to publication made by the Editor in consultation, where necessary, with the Editorial Board. The Editor's decision in these matters is final.

Presentation

As articles are assessed anonymously, name(s) of the author(s) should not appear in the text, in article metadata, or in running headers or footers. Instead, a cover sheet should be sent with the title, the name of the author(s), and a correspondence address (when possible, email address is preferred). A separate summary of approximately 200 words should also be provided. Contributions presented in hard copy should be double spaced with wide margins and all pages numbered in three hard copies.

References

We use a Harvard system of referencing. References within the text should be cited by giving the author's name and year of publication, eg. (Smith, 1928). Specific page numbers should be cited after a direct quotation. Those works cited in the text (and no others) should be listed at the end of the text in alphabetical order by author's name using the journal's standard conventions.

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Psychological groupwork with acute psychiatric inpatients

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This book will be the first to focus exclusively on acute inpatient therapeutic groupwork from a multi-disciplinary perspective. Over 20 authors, all active groupwork practitioners, provide unique insights into the group process.

Writers make the argument for the importance of therapeutic groupwork in acute inpatient settings. They present survey data that show an absence of therapeutic activity on wards and the need for a 'culture of participation', and describes schemes designed to improve the situation, such as the Star Wards initiative. Two authors look the state of research, and suggest how the evidence base might be strengthened.

The book will be of great value to any mental health professional, whether qualified or in training. Although reflecting experience in British clinical settings, the issues raised have a wider interest for those working to achieve excellent acute inpatient psychiatric settings in other countries.

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